

BRAINERD TO BUILD EQUIPMENT

BRAINERD N. P. RY. SHOPS AWARDED WORK

Of \$7,000,000 Orders for Equipment Placed by Northern Pacific, Local Shops to Build Part

Ore Cars, Box Cars Automobile Box Cars and Other Freight Cars to be Built by the Northern Pacific

Orders for equipment placed by the Northern Pacific railroad, and additional orders which will be placed within a short time, involving an outlay of \$7,000,000, have been announced by J. M. Hannaford, president of the road. A portion of the equipment will be built in the shops of the road at St. Paul and Brainerd and other cities of the northwest.

The order is one of the largest ever placed by that road and is, in addition to the large orders for steel and right of way, material which were announced several months ago. Steel was bought at that time for both 1917 and 1918.

The order just placed with manufacturers of equipment and with the Northern Pacific shops includes 350 all-steel, 100,000-pound capacity ore cars, 1,000 forty-ton box cars and 500 automobile box cars, 250 60,000-pound box cars, and 750 80,000-pound box cars to be built in the Northern Pacific shops.

Specifications have been prepared and bids asked on 500 all-steel coal cars and 500 refrigerator cars, and 25 freight locomotives, about equal to the Malley and Mogul types. If the figures on these are satisfactory the order will be placed, and Mr. Hannaford said that he expects the bids to be satisfactory.

The prices at which railroad equipment is now to be had are on a par with the cost of other commodities, and railroads are required to pay an advance of from 40 to 75 per cent on equipment over prices two years ago.

POPULATION NOW IS 648,346

School Census in Montana Shows 11,509 Gain in Year.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 2.—Figured from the basis of the authentic school census from each county of the state Montana in September had a population of 648,346, according to the annual report of H. A. Davee, superintendent of public instruction.

This is figured from the basis of 147,574 persons of school age, which basis is taken from proportions comparing the federal census figures with the state school census.

There has been an increase of 11,509 school children in Montana in one year, equivalent to 55,940 increase in population.

The importance of the agricultural counties of the state is shown by the population of the farming counties, which will be a revelation to many who have not followed the progress of the state.

TO STUDY BIRTH PROBLEM

Farmers Are Advised to Give Serious Consideration to Question.

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—Serious attention to birth control was urged before several hundred farmers at the University farm by A. D. Wilson, director of the agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota, speaking at the opening program of Farmers and Homemakers' week.

"Let's not get so infernally thick here in America we won't have but a few acres each to live on," Mr. Wilson pleaded.

"This talk about birth control is not mere foolishness. It is a question we have to solve to determine the standard by which our grandchildren and great-grandchildren are going to live."

England and France Agree.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The reply of the entente allies to the peace note of President Wilson will follow the same course as the answer to the central powers. Great Britain and France already have agreed on the draft, which has been submitted to the other members of the entente.

War to the Last Ounce of Human Blood Berlin Comment

(By United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Berlin peace hopes are dispersed and it is now "war to the last ounce of human blood," the allies not being worthy of a written rejoinder is the summing up of opinion in the public press. It is apparently the unanimous decision that Germany's only answer to the allies rejection of the peace offer must be by force of arms under Gen. Von Hindenburg's leadership.

The newspapers are very bitter in the criticism of the answer by the allies to the peace note, but in spite of that the New Year's celebration was a gay one. Ambassador Gerrard has not as yet received the text of the allies' reply.

Three Big Powers Agree Joint Draft

(By United Press)

London, Jan. 2.—There is an increasing belief that in the reply to President Wilson's note the allies will have an opportunity, after Germany's indefinite proffer in reply to America, to put Potsdam at a disadvantage. The answer of the allies will probably be another identical note of the same character as that to Germany, and will be issued from the three big allied powers who have agreed to a joint draft and is now before the other entente.

King Alfonso is Most Mikely Peace Maker

Washington, Jan. 2.—King Alfonso, of Spain, is the most likely ultimate peace maker, since his refusal to join President Wilson's note to the belligerents he is the world's leading neutral.

POLICE SEEKING RICH SUITOR

Hunt for Girl's Slayer Among Prominent Philadelphia Men.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—A short man between thirty and thirty-two years old, who wore a brown felt hat and a very black overcoat and who pretended to be a stranger in Philadelphia was driven early Friday morning to the apartment house in which Grace Roberts, artist's model, was murdered. In addition to this person the police are looking for a rich man who contributed to the upkeep of the slain girl's apartments.

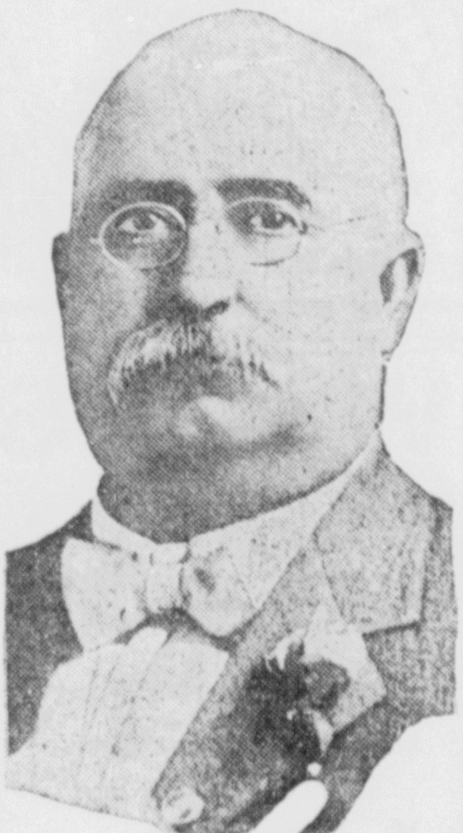
The search for the slayer—in the greatest mystery this city has had in years—has created a stir among the men who haunt hotel cafes, men who cultivate manures and models.

The name of a man of prominence in major league baseball was mentioned as one of her closest friends a man who had given her financial assistance. But this man was not called in by the police for an interview.

San Diego Fair Ends.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 2.—With the sounding of taps, followed by the rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heck, before a vast assemblage at the great outdoor organ the Panama-California exposition closed after being open continuously to the public for two years.

G. W. P. HUNT. Refuses to Relinquish Governor's Chair in Arizona to Successor.



TAKES OATH AS GOVERNOR

Arizona Crowd Disappointed When Expected Clash Fails.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—A cheering crowd heard Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, in an address at his inauguration as governor, followed him to the executive offices which had been locked against him on order of G. W. P. Hunt, incumbent, and was disappointed when the expected clash failed to develop.

An armed deputy sheriff met the new governor at the door and refused him admittance.

"Break down the doors" some one cried. The cry was taken up and shouted back down the line. Several rushed forward to act, but Campbell counseled orderly means and the crowd soon dispersed.

Storm of Charges Regarding Leak to Wall Street

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 2.—A storm of charges and counter charges broke in both houses of congress this afternoon regarding the report of the leak of advance news to Wall street sent by the state department to Senator Stone who made formal denials of the charges in the senate. Senator Henry said he would not call a committee for investigation asked by Senator Wood.

Blames Civil Service

Washington, Jan. 2.—Senator Stone blames the civil service system for the leak in secrets from the state department.

Demand Investigation

Washington, Jan. 2.—The republican house rule members demand that Chairman Henry make an open investigation of the charges by T. W. Lawson that \$60,000,000 was made in Wall street by the leak in President Wilson's peace note. Chairman Henry's bill to regulate the stock exchange was introduced after the conference with Lawson.

Calls Lawson "Low Creature"

Washington, Jan. 2.—Senator Stone on the floor of the house called Lawson a "low creature" and "a disgusting ass," and said that the leaks that occurred affected the nation's honor and not the stock market.

Will Keep Tab

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—The Equity Non-partisan League are to keep strict tab on the Minnesota legislature, watching the proceedings and the records of the members.

They Hold Balance of Power in the House in the Coming Congress



W. P. MARTIN, LA. PROGRESSIVE
MEYER LONDON, N.Y. SOCIALIST
IRA G. COPELEY, ILL. PROGRESSIVE
CHAS. H. RANDALL, CAL. PROHIBITIONIST
THOS. D. SCHALL, MINN. PROGRESSIVE

Here are five of the six independents in the House of Representatives, who will have the balance of power there when the president calls the new congress into session after March 4. Not only does the decision of the speakership depend on them, but the whole policy of the house in relation to the democratic administration. Mr. Randall of Los Angeles, is a Prohibitionist; Mr. Copley of Illinois, is a Progressive, as are Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota, and W. P. Martin of Louisiana. Meyer London of New York is a Socialist. Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts sets himself down as an independent.

CHARLES W. WICKS. Head of New York State Committee on Food Investigation.



Photo by American Press Association.

HIGHER FOOD PRICES ATTRIBUTED TO WAR

New York, Jan. 2.—Although innumerable domestic causes are cited as having contributed to the steady increase in the cost of living in recent years the most recent rise in prices is attributed in large measure to the European war, according to a joint report on food and markets submitted to Governor Whitman by the Wicks legislative investigating committee, the governor's market commission and the mayor's food supply committee.

In the first nine months of 1914, the report says, exports of breadstuffs amounted to \$172,000,000; in the first nine months of 1916 the breadstuffs exported amounted to \$337,000,000. Similar comparisons are given with reference to other products. It also is pointed out that, while the production of potatoes in the United States this year has been 300,000,000 bushels exports amounting to 2,700,000 bushels were recorded to Oct. 1.

Other factors which have contributed to the high cost of living are given as lack of proper transportation and distribution facilities; waste of time and money in duplicate delivery and other services; the increasing tendency of young men and young women to leave the farms for the cities.

Call for Condition of National Banks

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 2.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the conditions of all national banks at the close of business on December 27th.

Woman Instigator of Brutal Murder

(By United Press)

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The police think that the brutal murder of Maizie Colbert, the pretty stocking and corset company's model, was instigated by a woman.

I. W. W. Strikers Armed with Axes Force Men to Quit

(By United Press)

Duluth, Jan. 2.—1,500 lumberjacks are on the I. W. W. strike in northern Minnesota lumber camps. 600 quit the Gemmill camps of the International Lumber Company and armed with axes drove 150 men who would not join out of the camps.

MEN AND GUNS TAKEN

(By United Press)

Sofia, Jan. 2.—The Bulgarian offensive at Macin resulted in the capture of 1,500 men and 14 guns.

DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS

First National Bank of Brainerd Heads the List of Fifteen County Banks so Designated

Funds to be Proportioned to Several Banks According to Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits

Pershing Expedition to be Withdrawn Properly of Columbus

(By United Press)

El Paso, Jan. 2.—Preparations are reported under way in the army supply department to withdraw Gen. Pershing's expeditionary column from Mexico. All property has been ordered to Columbus, N. M.

Villistas Army Nearing Chihuahua so Report Says

(By United Press)

El Paso, Jan. 2.—A Villistas army of 5,000 is within striking distance of Chihuahua City, the United States authorities hear. Fighting has been reported south of Chihuahua.

Session Employees Appointed by Whole Senatorial Body

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—A fight over the appointment of the session employees in the senate marked the opening of the state legislature this afternoon. Senator F. E. Putnam, led the fight for the appointment by the whole senate against Senator A. O. Lunde, and won out.

R. J. Parker was elected speaker of the house by a vote of 126.

Farmer House Member will Name Committee Decided Speakership

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—A farmer house member is to name the State Grain and warehouse commission, which was the compromise in the speakership fight and landed J. R. Parker, alleged chamber of commerce candidate, Magnus Johnson being the farmer-candidate who withdrew.

MUCH BOOTY TAKEN

(By United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 2.—1,300 prisoners and much booty were taken in the successful German advance in Rumania, says a statement today.

STRIKE PEACE IS PREDICTED

Settlement of New York Clothing Dispute Expected.

New York, Jan. 2.—Prediction was made here that a settlement of the strike of 50,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers will be effected today at a conference between representatives of the union and the American Clothing Manufacturers' association.

Theater-Goers Witness Tragedy.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—On a street crowded with theater-goers, John Stearns, a restaurant proprietor, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Nora Nelson, a dressmaker, and then shot himself, dying in a few moments. Stearns was thirty years old and Mrs. Nelson was about the same age. Mrs. Nelson formerly lived at Edgemont, S. D.

At a meeting of the board of audit of Crow Wing county, held Saturday evening, fifteen banks were designated as depositories of county funds of Crow Wing county for the years 1917 and 1918. These are the banks:

- First National Bank of Brainerd.
- Citizens State Bank of Brainerd.
- Brainerd State Bank.
- First National Bank of Crosby.
- First State Bank of Crosby.
- First National Bank of Deerwood.
- First National Bank of Ironton.
- First State Bank of Ironton.
- First State Bank of Cuyuna.
- First State Bank of Riverton.
- First State Bank of Pequot.
- Farmers State Bank of Pequot.
- Jenkins State Bank.
- Fort Ripley State Bank.
- First State Bank of Barrows.

The following rates of interest will be paid, 2 1/2 percent on open accounts and 3 percent on time deposits.

The funds will be proportioned to the banks named on a basis of the capital, surplus and undivided profits, as shown by the last assessment of the bank, that the months of June and July of the years 1917 and 1918 be excepted, during which months, no interest is to be paid on open accounts, and further excepting the month of November of said years, on all amounts in excess of \$5,000.

SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFS SELECTED

St. Paul, Jan. 2.—Both houses of the Minnesota legislature virtually are organized. The senate caucus re-nominated George W. Peachey, Owatonna, for secretary, and decided on virtually the same organization as at the last session.

The officers of the house are:

- Speaker—Ralph J. Parker, Spring Valley.
- Chief Clerk—Oscar Arneson, St. Paul.
- First Assistant—A. J. Rustad, Wheaton.
- Second Assistant—C. A. McDonnell, Duluth.
- Enrolling Clerk—Eimer A. Dahl, Pine River.
- Engrossing Clerk—Robert E. Lewis, Hastings.
- Sergeant-at-Arms—H. C. Brasie, Monticello.
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—C. W. Nelson, Crookston.
- Postmaster—E. M. Holman, Slayton.
- Assistant Postmaster—Lawrence Lunde, Lake City.
- Chaplain—Rev. F. C. Atwood, Minneapolis.

FARMER PROGRAM MENACED

Poll Shows Nonpartisans Will Control North Dakota Senate.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 2.—The legislative program of the North Dakota Nonpartisan league, which has given the biennial session of the legislature distinct significance, may meet an impassable barrier when it reaches the senate. Retabulation of votes of members virtually makes it certain a majority of Republicans not endorsed by the league will control the upper body.

While it was known the league would not have a large strength in the senate, it was thought it would have sufficient votes to pass its measures.

Liquors Poured Into Streets.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Five hundred gallons of whisky, wine and beer were poured into a city water wagon here and the streets of the business section were sprinkled with the liquor.

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Savings Deposits made up to Jan. 10th will draw interest from Jan. 1st.

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THE WEATHER

Weather Forecast for Next 24 Hours.
Fair tonight. Sunday rising temperature.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

News of Parties, Visitors, Visits, Deaths, Accidents, Etc., gratefully received by the Dispatch. Both phones, Northwest 74, Automatic 274.

Ray Cleary went to Wadena this noon.

For spring water phone 264. tf
Carl Zapffe is at home, sick with the grip.

Fritz Hagberg went to Minneapolis this afternoon.

Clayton Hollingsworth, of Merrifield, was in the city.

John Huovinen returned today from New York Mills.

C. Katz returned this afternoon from a visit in Staples.

James E. Brady is attending to business matters in St. Paul.

A regular meeting of the city council will be held this evening.

Meals the same price, 25c, at the Winsor Hotel. Room and board reasonable. 171tf-52wtf

G. D. Clevenger, of Backus, was in the city on real estate business.

Miss Esther Dahlstedt has returned to Ironton to continue teaching.

Mrs. Harry W. Congdon and Miss Adelle Congdon went to Staples this noon.

C. N. Swart, of Fargo, N. D., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Congdon.

E. J. Hunter and sons, Herman and Ray, of Crosby, were in the city on Tuesday.

Miss Marion Heller, of Minneapolis, is visiting her mother at 426 Second avenue.

Miss Agnes Cullen returned this afternoon to her studies at the St. Cloud normal.

Miss Gladys Alger has returned to St. Cloud normal after spending the holidays in the city.

Ira Roderick, who visited his parents during the holidays, has returned to Anaconda, Mont.

Rev. H. G. Stacey, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, went to Little Falls this afternoon.

Attorney G. S. Swanson has returned from a trip to Pillager where he attended to legal matters.

Mrs. Caroline Dittmar returned this afternoon from Perham where she spent the New Year's holidays.

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight south portion. Colder Wednesday in north portion.

Cut Flowers and Plants at Mehlin's Greenhouses. N. W. Phone 774.

Miss Lillian Stearns, guest of friends in the city, returned this afternoon to her home in Riverton.

Miss Anna Johnson, who is teaching at New York Mills, is the guest of Miss Emma Bartling, 597 First avenue.

Miss Anna McGill, a teacher at Adolph, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents at 416 Pine street.

Jack Miller, of Saskatchewan, Canada, is a guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Stacey.

Aletta Coppersmith, 6 year daughter of Conductor Coppersmith, was operated on Saturday morning for appendicitis.

Miss Margaret Paul, of Northome, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Paul, while on her way to Hamline university.

The funeral of Harold Westman was held this afternoon from the Swedish Lutheran church, Rev. Elov Carlson officiating.

Mrs. Anna Wilson and Miss Jennie Wilson, of Minneapolis, are visiting friends and relatives in the city for a week or ten days.

Miss Carrie E. Minich, of St. Cloud, guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wieland during the New Year's holidays, has returned to her home in St. Cloud.

Lloyd Tanner, a brilliant basketball player of the Little Falls high school, is reported about to leave high to attend St. Thomas University.

Miss Ruth Dahlstedt and Miss Sadie Peterson have gone to Winona to continue their studies at the normal, having spent the holidays in Brainerd.

Mrs. Ella McFadden Polk and daughter returned last night from Aitkin where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Cora Ames and Marion Tarr.

Miss Eleanor Anderson, Edwin Carlson, George Hise, Adolph Dillan and Melvin Carlson have returned to Minneapolis to continue their studies at the University of Minnesota.

Joe McCosh, of Deerwood, arrived in the city Saturday noon and visited with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Gray, 1519 East Pine Street, returning Tuesday morning to continue his work with John Humphrey.

Try the New England Lunch for a change. Home cooking and baking. Located at 209 S. 5th street. 165tf

Martin Steppinger was brought from the north today charged with evading a board bill incurred at the boarding house of Mrs. Lena Egan. Deputy Sheriff John D. Gile traced him from Brainerd to Minneapolis to Kelliber.

Judge B. F. Wright came from Park Rapids this afternoon and will open district court in Brainerd Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The first case of the calendar will be Adams vs Stafford, all his cases being court cases.

Robert Thompson came to Brainerd with a wolf pelt and drew the county bounty. Two other men shooting wolves got their game three miles from Hubert and a mile from Crow Wing. The wolves are getting to be a pest in some neighborhoods and are showing great boldness in stealing supplies.

C. A. Lindbergh came up from Minneapolis last night to attend to some business matters, returning this afternoon. He states that his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Christie, is in St. Barnabas hospital and still in a serious condition. He does not plan returning to Washington for some time. —Little Falls Transcript.

Miss Donna Lyan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lyan of the Markham Hotel, will leave January 2 for Florida where she will visit for several months. Mrs. Clyde Parker of Brainerd, formerly Miss Dorothy Humes of Cass Lake, will accompany Miss Lyan. Among the cities they will visit while in the south are Daytona, Miami and Sea Breeze. —Bemidji Pioneer.

The Coffeen barber shop and billiard rooms are now open for business at the old location with the Ransford hotel lobby having removed from the Walverman block. 178tf

The funeral of Charles Hauer, Sr., was held Saturday afternoon from the residence at 811 Ivy street, with interment in Evergreen cemetery. Of those attending the funeral, the following have returned to their respective homes: The Misses Anna, Julia and Regina Hauer and Mrs. Claude Kreling to Cass Lake; Mrs. Charles Hauer, Sr., to Cass Lake; Mrs. Tracy Stumpf to Pierz; Miss Rose Langerman to St. Paul; John and Henry Langerman to Pierz; Gothfred Langer and Mrs. Mary Dale to St. Cloud.

Montana Democrats Elect Speaker. Helena, Mont., Jan. 2.—Judge P. O'Connor, Democrat, of Livingston was elected speaker of the Montana house, defeating Ronald Wiggins of Missoula. The legislative session opens today. The Republicans quickly organized the senate by the election of Senator J. E. Edwards of Forsyth as president pro tem.

Roberts Wins in South Dakota. Pierre, S. D., Jan. 2.—A. C. Roberts of Dyer county was chosen unanimously for the speakership of the house of representatives at an informal open caucus of members here.

Disavowal. (whose period of training is over)—See here, Cap'n Mizges, now that I am a civilian again, I want you to understand that I take back all the salutes I've given you since I came here.—Life.

Private Biggs (whose period of training is over)—See here, Cap'n Mizges, now that I am a civilian again, I want you to understand that I take back all the salutes I've given you since I came here.—Life.

King's Birthplace Burns. London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says the Vienna Neue Free Press announces that the house where King Nicholas of Montenegro was born, near Cetinja, has been destroyed by fire and that only a few curios were saved.

Levies Fill Places. These men are replaced in the ranks by levies set free by the universal labor service bill and by a widespread coming out of able-bodied men from hitherto exempt occupations.

Another expected development of 1917 is a change in the center of gravity in the Western front. The Somme battle has swept its way into comparative quietude. While military experts here naturally are unable to predict with certainty the plans of the Anglo-French leaders, recent advices point to a transfer of the entente allies' main efforts to another region—most likely that of Verdun, where the French energies recently have been concentrated on extending to its original size the salient west of the Meuse.

Descriptive. "What a fine building this is! What is it?" "You've just said what it is." "How do you mean?" "It's a fine building, all right. It's a police court."—Baltimore American.

Three Boys Buried Alive. Newport News, Va., Jan. 2.—Three little boys were buried alive here in a tunnel they had dug beneath a bluff at the edge of the James river. They lived almost within a stone throw of where they were playing.

FARMER ASKS COURT AID IN HIRING HELP. Le Mars, Ia., Jan. 2.—W. O. Bogenrief, a wealthy farmer, has asked for a court injunction to restrain his wife, two sons and two daughters from driving hired help from the farm as fast as he hires the help. He sets forth that his wife and sons and daughters refuse to get up in the morning to aid in the farm work and that he owns too many head of cattle to allow his carrying for all alone.

GERMANS PILING UP GUN RESERVE
Turning Out Huge Grist Weekly for Blow in Spring.

LOOK FOR A WIDER ATTACK
Kaiser's Generals Think Allies Will Drive at Meuse Line—Are Confident Wall Will Hold—Men From Front Filling Places in Munitions Plants.

Counting four months before the probable renewal of the world war in full vigor on all fronts, these figures mean a new immense supply of cannon of all calibers from field guns up to the gigantic howitzers, to meet the gigantic effort which the entente allies are expected to make in this, the third year of Kitchener's prophecy to turn the scale of the war.

Along with these guns the German factories are turning out corresponding stupendous quantities of ammunition. The production of machine guns, each of which virtually replaces a platoon of men, has been placed on a scale far beyond that of the past year.

Confident of Wall. The campaign of 1917, it is already evident, will be fought as a wide extension and development of the Somme battle with even a heavier concentration of artillery over a far wider front and with lines literally bristling with machine guns.



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WANTED—Boy of 18 or young man to work for R. D. King. A hustler wanted not afraid of work. 339-178tf

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FOR RENT—Warm furnished room with board, if desired. 609 Kingwood. 336-1776

FOR RENT—House at 224 N. 9th St., corner Kingwood. Inquire of F. A. Farrar. 300-166tf

FOR RENT—Woman who is good at sewing to assist in dry cleaning department. Apply at Brainerd Model Laundry. 330-176tf

FOR RENT—Store room at corner of Front and 7th streets now occupied by Bye & Peterson. Phone Mrs. Cullen 133-R. 323-175tf

FOR RENT—Store building, 1304 Oak street, formerly occupied by Frank Milloch and suitable for meat market. See Bredenberg & Erickson. 324-175tf

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FOR SALE—Cutter, almost new. Inquire at Mrs. Gust Krueger, 419 Kindred St. 333-1776

FOR SALE—1 hard coal stove, one kitchen table and one sideboard. H. W. Linemann. 288-161tf

MISCELLANEOUS

ROOMERS Wanted at 307 South Seventh Street. 319-173tf

WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. State cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 315-1776

LOST—Package containing serge dress, rosary beads, at the Kreech school house Dec. 23. Return for reward to Anna Barry. 340-1782

WANTED—I have customers for residence property and vacant lots. List your property for sale with Jas. R. Smith, Sleeper block.

WANTED—By couple, two or three modern rooms furnished complete, for housekeeping, close in. Charles Brown, General Delivery. 335-1776

WE HAVE—Good opportunity for one man to collect and solicit. Inquire Robert Marsh, field manager Duluth Casualty Association, Iron Exchange hotel. 334-1776

LOST—Heavy chain on 8th street railway crossing. Party that picked it up will please return to C. A. Stadlbauer, at Woodhead Motor Co. 337-1782

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PARIS REPORT UNFAVORABLE

Berlin Views Allied Answer as Flat Refusal to End the War—Wilson Confers With Senator Stone on Peace Situation.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Wilson went to the capitol and spent an hour discussing the country's foreign affairs with Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee.

Much of the time was devoted to the situation growing out of the unfavorable entente reply to the peace proposals of the central powers.

Aside from transmitting the entente note to Germany and her allies, the United States will take no further formal action in the peace movement, at least until the peace governments have replied to President Wilson's note to them.

Paris Report Unfavorable.

Cable reports from Paris announcing that the entente answer to President Wilson had been prepared and would be the same in effect as that to the belligerents did not increase hope here for a favorable outcome of the negotiations.

It was learned that administration leaders in the senate were preparing to sound sentiment on resolutions introduced just before the holiday adjournment, which would declare it to be the sense of the senate that the action of the president in addressing his note to the belligerent powers represented "the overwhelming public sentiment and earnest desires of the people of the United States."

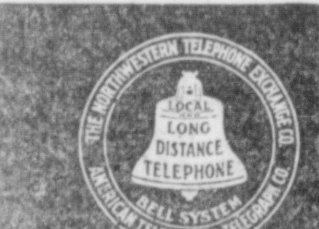
Senator Hitchcock submitted two resolutions on the subject, one of which was referred to committee and the other permitted to lie on the senate table, where it is in order to be called up for action.

Senator Stone urged Senator Hitchcock to ask that the resolution lie over for a day in order that there might be a conference of senators on both sides regarding it. Senator Stone stated frankly that he was heartily in favor of adopting the resolution.

As soon as the reply of the entente is received, President Wilson is expected to address another communication to both sides, making clear his position.

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ARTHUR KACHEL IN THE MELTING POT

Tonight at the First Baptist Church Brainerd People Will Have the Opportunity to See

"THE DAVID WARFIELD"

Of the Chautauqua Platform, Who Pleased His Audience at the Baptist Church Last Night

Mr. Kachel, of the Midland Lyceum Bureau, gave the regular number on the course given by the Baraca class of the First Baptist church last night. The audience was moved alternately to tears and laughter by the wonderfully graphic and tender portrayal of the old German character of the Music Master. Because of an open date Mr. Kachel has been secured for tonight and will give an extra number in his interpretation of the great American play, "The Melting Pot".



Arthur Kachel

Those who heard him last night were eager to have him remain and give a second entertainment. Yale university has called Arthur Kachel back for a second date. Brainerd is fortunate to have one of the greatest attractions of the Chautauqua platform again tonight. The entertainment will be given at the First Baptist church at 8:15. The admission has been placed at only 25 cents so as to make it within the reach of all.

Arthur Kachel, now standing at the head of the line of artists who are "doing things worth while," will appear on our lecture course this winter. He is glad to come to us and we are glad to have him. His mission is twofold, for he not only entertains but makes us think. Born of German parentage in the capital of Minnesota, Mr. Kachel began making his reputation even as early as the graded schools, not by a series of triumphs known the world over, but by a record of boyish pranks and dare devilness such as many a small boy leaves behind him, to smile at in the years to come. In reading and arithmetic Arthur stood well, but when it came to drawing his mark was always "poor." One day he took home, for his mother's inspection, his efforts of that day. It was an animal—of that his mother was sure—but just what kind was another question.

"A cow," volunteered the artist. "But it has no tail," replied his mother, in surprise.

"Oh, well, that don't hurt. Teacher said for us to work for the general effect and never mind detail."

At the age of thirteen he left the grades to enter the school of experience, an institution which we must all sooner or later pass through. Here he soon learned that "to eat, one must work," and with hunger making crude and primitive suggestions he landed his first job. Not a position, mind you, but a job. It was during these formative years that the dream of some day becoming an "enactor of plays" gave his mind much food for thought. Slowly, with the dream ever in his heart, he rose from bell hop to hotel clerk and then to passenger brakeman with many a knock between; from pupil to a professorship in one of America's leading educational institutions. A few weeks ago an Iowa newspaper spoke of Mr. Kachel in this way: "When he came, he was a smile of joy, and when he left ours was a smile of regret."

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WOMAN'S REALM

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES HELD

Large Attendance at the Peoples Congregational Church—Rev. Crist's Address

USE PLANE INSTEAD OF HAMMER

At Midnight the Bells Were Rung and Greetings Exchanged by All

The watch-night services in the People's Congregational church Sunday night were a grand success from every point of view.

The attendance was far beyond all expectations, the church being comfortably filled, and the program excellent. Many remained after the evening service closed, and others returned for the service.

Several selections were given on the Victrola. Rev. Crist sang a solo entitled "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," and then gave a very timely talk on "New Things For 1917." Among them would be a new road, and he urged the listeners to acknowledge God in all their ways and He would direct their paths. Other things mentioned were a new book, new garden, new album, new copy and new tools. He emphasized the last subject by requesting the audience to not use the hammer this year (in "knocking") but to use the plane instead in smoothing things out.

At 12 o'clock the bells were rung and greetings exchanged.

For Miss Anna Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Knutzen of 507 First avenue, gave a dinner party on Saturday evening, in honor of their house guest, Miss Anna Johnson, of New York Mills.

The invited guests were Miss Emma Bartling of Duluth, Miss Anna McGill of Adolph, Miss Marion Heller of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. William Reiman, Alvin Bystrom and the Rev. William Lloyd Crist.

Presbyterian Ladies' Aid

The Presbyterian ladies' aid will meet at the church parlors on Wednesday afternoon, January 3d, Mrs. J. A. McKay and Mrs. T. E. Smith being hostesses. The meeting will be called promptly at 2:45 o'clock, and a large attendance is desired. The election of officers will take place and quarterly reports are due. Visitors are welcome.

Seavey-Hammond

Rev. W. E. Hammond, of Harvey, Ill., and Miss Beale Seavey, of Altin, were married at Altin, at 9 Tuesday morning. Rev. G. P. Sheridan, of Brainerd, officiating. Many guests were present. The clergyman is of the Congregational faith.

Methodist Aid

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will meet at the rooms of the church Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday this week. Mrs. A. J. Loom and Mrs. F. W. Hill will entertain. The gentlemen are invited for lunch.

Ladies Guild Resumes

The Ladies Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will resume their meetings, starting on January 10, and on that day will meet at 2:30 at the Guild rooms.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVITIES

Dance and Banquet of the Machinists—Hotels Served Many Parties of Merry-makers

Among the New Year's festivities recorded was the annual banquet, program and dance given by the machinists and the same was largely attended. George R. West was the caterer.

Hotels of the city were gaily decorated and served many parties of merry-makers. These included the Iron Exchange, Ideal, Ransford, West's and the Dairy lunch.

At the Ideal the regular Sunday dinner was barely out of the way before the New Year's eve diners arrived and filled the spacious dining room. A special dinner was also served on New Year's day.

REV. HOGNANDER TO SPEAK

Will Speak and Sing at the Swedish Bethany Church Tonight at 8 O'clock

Rev. Carl Hognander of Minneapolis, will speak and sing tonight at 8 o'clock at the Swedish Christian Bethany church, corner of Ninth and Maple streets.

Rev. and Mrs. Hognander were called here by the illness of Mrs. Hognander's brother at a local sanatorium, and through the efforts of Rev. Theo. Clemens he will remain over tonight.

Rev. Hognander will be remembered as the leader of the singing at the large revival meetings held at the opera house by this church about a year ago.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Peoples Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening, January 3d, in the church.

Every member of the church is urged to be present, as important business will be transacted, such as election of officers, etc. The lesson for Bible study will be the sixth chapter of Nehemiah.

STRIKE OVER RISE IN RENTS

200 New York Tenants Band Together.

New York, Jan. 1.—A strike of tenants against an increase of \$1 a month in rent imposed by landlords who own nearly 200 apartment and tenement houses in the borough of the Bronx was begun at a mass meeting here. Heads of 300 families signed a pact to suffer eviction rather than pay the increase which becomes effective today.

A plan was formulated whereby families will take refuge in the homes of friends if ousted by landlords and a fund was started to meet the expense of legal proceedings.

SCHOOLS MAY BE CLOSED

Coal Shortage at Chicago Is Becoming Serious.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A possibility that some of Chicago's public schools may be obliged to close within a week or ten days because of the coal shortage was intimated by John Howatt, chief engineer of the board of education.

Walking Signboards.

"Sandwich man," that expressive term applied to unfortunates who walk the streets bearing two advertising boards strapped over their shoulders, is said to have been originated by Dickens in one of his "Sketches by Boz."

Jeffers-Ludlow

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated New Year's day at 12:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Peabody, near Merrifield, when their daughter Floy E. Jeffers, was given in marriage to Walter R. Ludlow, of Brainerd. Rev. W. J. Lowrie performed the ceremony, using the ring service.

The dress of the bride was golden crepe de chene and that of the bridesmaid, Miss Martha Peabody, was silk poplin. A. B. Cunningham, of Bemidji, served as best man. The bride has been a teacher in the district schools of this county for some years and the groom is employed at the paper mill.

The guests aside from the immediate family were Mrs. Howard Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John Cummins, Mrs. John Witham and daughter Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cunningham, of Bemidji, Orin Hober, Canada; Mrs. Geo. Donant. In the evening a large number of guests from among the neighbors gathered at the home and enjoyed a social evening.

The wedding ceremony was performed in a cozy part of the room decorated especially with sprays of evergreen and plants. Miss Cecil Witham played the wedding march. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where the wedding dinner was served to all the party.

The young couple will make their future home in Brainerd at 318 South Broadway. Congratulations and best wishes are extended them.

Persson-Hasbrook

Miss Theresa Persson and Elmer Hasbrook were married Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of the Swedish Lutheran church. Rev. Elov Carlson officiating. The bride was attended by her friend, Miss Florence A. Smith and the bridegroom's best man was James Worley.

The bride was attired in a blue traveling suit with hat to match. They left in the afternoon for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Persson of Garrison.

The bride has been a chief operator of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co. at Brainerd for seven years and is a very popular young lady. The bridegroom is a foreman of the linemen's crew.

They will make their home in Brainerd. The Dispatch joins their many friends in extending best wishes for their continued happiness and prosperity.

Leach-Wesley

Andrew Wesley of Brainerd, and Miss Mary Leach of Little Falls, were married Saturday at the bride's home. A reception for the newlyweds was held later at the home of Mr. Wesley's mother in Brainerd. The rooms were decorated with pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley start for the west tomorrow and will return to Brainerd some time in the spring, after spending the winter in California.

Best wishes of their many friends in Brainerd are extended to them in which the Dispatch heartily joins.

Marriage Licenses

Dec. 30—Walter R. Ludlow and Floy E. Jeffers.

Peoples Congregational Aid

The Ladies' Aid society of the Peoples Congregational church will be entertained on Wednesday afternoon, January 3d, in the parlors of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all, whether members or not, to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Watch Night Services Attended by Many, Interesting Program of Songs and Speeches

ADDRESSES MADE IN EVENING

Midnight Hour Found the Congregation Engaged in Silent Prayers

The Watch Night service at the Presbyterian church was attended by a crowd that entirely filled the church. A most interesting program of songs and speeches was listened to. Among the musical numbers were two solos by Professor Reinstad, a duet by Misses Anna Michaelson and Maybelle Johnson, a solo by Miss Lillian Patterson, and two numbers from the Presbyterian chorus choir.

The addresses by Ingolf Dillan, Captain Huffman and Lieutenant Wichman of the Salvation Army, Rev. Tostager and Rev. Lowrie, were exceptionally good and brought an atmosphere of consecration and Christian resolution to the entire audience.

Immediately following the set speeches of the ministers the chairman invited others to speak briefly. One minute speeches were then the rule and twenty of twenty-five persons responded in quick succession. The midnight hour found the congregation engaged in silent prayer for the blessing of God for the new year.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Building will be Open on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Afternoons as Follows

The public library will be open until further notice on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, this change having been made owing to the fact that there is a lack of funds for lighting purposes.

The Social Welfare committee have provided to keep the library open on Sunday afternoons from 2 until 5 o'clock.

DOROTHY GISH TRIANGLE STAR

Sketch of Clever Young Actress Who Will be Seen in "Old Heidelberg"



Dorothy Gish in "Old Heidelberg," Triangle-Fine Arts release.

Miss Dorothy Gish, who will take the role of Prince Karl's sweetheart in the "Old Heidelberg" film adaptation at the Best tonight, is one of the most charming and clever members of the D. W. Griffith-Triangle studio. She was born in Dayton, O., March 11, 1898, and is thus a year and a half younger than her sister, Lillian Gish, the famous Elsie Stoneman of "The Birth of a Nation." Dorothy made her debut when only four years old, playing Little Willie in the classic "East Lynne." Curiously enough, the girls' introduction to Director Griffith came through Mary Pickford. He was then in charge of the Biograph Studio, and both Dorothy and Lillian went to work for him. The young actresses have been associated ever since with the Griffith school of film art. As soon as the Triangle program was organized Mr. Griffith ordered that they should be placed in stellar roles, as their talents well deserved.

Besides her current delightful work in "Old Heidelberg," Miss Dorothy Gish will be seen from time to time in other Griffith supervised plays for the Triangle. The next one after "Old Heidelberg" will be the dramatization of Sir Gilbert Parker's "Jordan is a Hard Road," in which she will play opposite Owen Moore. She is petite and pretty, her hair is light brown rather than golden in hue, and she has the most astonishing versatility in youthful girl parts, playing any role from a slave or a barnmaid to a princess with equal skill and facility.

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Head of Treasury Predicts Tax of \$200,000,000.



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Striking Thought.

"Do you think that the automobile will displace the horse?" asked the conversational young woman.

"It will," answered the nervous young man as he gazed down the road, "if it ever hits him."—Exchange.

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GIVES EXPERT ADMINISTRATION

(Pittsburgh Dispatch)

Practical democracy was carried several degrees further toward perfection when some 40 American cities improved on the original commission plan. Galveston, Des Moines, Dallas and several hundred other cities had previously made the great political discovery that real democracy permits the election of but a small group of officers at one time. They made the mistake, however, of asking the voters to select heads of departments, who in the nature of the case must have a good deal of special knowledge, as well as being good citizens and business men.

In many cases the plan worked badly, the "improvement" on the commission plan puts an expert administrator on the job as head of the city administration. It does not require the people to select him, for that would confuse the popular issue—the people should be free to choose the best representatives possible without regard to their special qualifications. The expert administrator, who is called the "city manager," is selected by the council or commission who themselves do not have anything to do with details of administration, but simply act as a board of directors, as in a private business corporation.

This is perhaps the most perfect form of democracy in America, for it not only shortens the ballot and thus simplifies the matter of selecting representatives, but it gives the latter an organization to work with which has a responsible, capable head instead of a passing amateur, as our elected mayors must be.

In practice this form of government is as humane as it is economical. Dayton cut taxes, but it also cut the infant mortality rate in half. Every city where it has been tried has a similar story to tell, whether it be Springfield, Ohio; Phoenix, Ariz.; St. Augustine, Fla., or Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The announcement has been made that concrete piling is to be used in the construction of all Minnesota roads and bridges in the future. State Highway Engineer Cooley having made a report of his investigations and his study of the matter which has been carried on for some time. In one instance 356 concrete piling were driven and only one of them was damaged, some of them being struck in the process of driving 1,600 times by the driver. Concrete piling will cost twice as much as the wood but in the saving of repairs and the length of life of the piling they are much cheaper in the end.

A bill has been introduced in the Nebraska legislature intending to supplement the prohibitory constitutional amendment which becomes effective in May, that provides for the arrest of any one whose breath has the odor of liquor, and also makes it a criminal offense to tell another where he may procure a drink of liquor. With that law in force Nebraska will have the "lid" territory of Minnesota beaten a mile.

A writer on cures advises rubbing the part on a man's head, or woman's, where the hair refuses to grow with onions until it is red and rub it afterwards with honey, do this morning and evening. In these days of high cost of living it is thought the family will be best served by turning the onions and honey into the family larder and that the hair will grow on the bald spot fully as well with this treatment.

The adoption of Amendment No. 1 at the recent election provided for the creation of a revolving fund of \$250,000 from state trust moneys which is to be used for the improvement of state-owned lands in advance of settlement, and a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the amendment is being drawn by the attorney general. It is an important measure to Northern Minnesota.

Cost of the War to the End of 1916

Great Britain	\$15,500,000,000	Italy	\$1,900,000,000
Germany	14,900,000,000	Turkey	550,000,000
Russia	10,500,000,000	Bulgaria	75,000,000
France	10,100,000,000	Rumania	50,000,000
Austro-Hungary	7,000,000,000	Other countries	150,000,000
Total \$60,725,000,000			

Casualties of the War to the End of 1916

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Russia	1,500,000	3,200,000	2,500,000	7,200,000
Germany	1,000,000	2,500,000	250,000	3,750,000
France	950,000	2,200,000	400,000	3,450,000
Austro-Hungary	600,000	1,700,000	1,300,000	3,600,000
Great Britain	400,000	900,000	100,000	1,400,000
Turkey	100,000	250,000	90,000	440,000
Servia	65,000	150,000	85,000	300,000
Italy	70,000	175,000	90,000	335,000
Belgium	35,000	80,000	60,000	175,000
Bulgaria	25,000	60,000	15,000	100,000
Rumania	50,000	150,000	200,000	400,000
Total				21,245,000

000 from state trust moneys which is to be used for the improvement of state-owned lands in advance of settlement, and a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the amendment is being drawn by the attorney general. It is an important measure to Northern Minnesota.

Fargo's police record shows that the number of arrests made in that city during the year totaled 508 and that young persons composed most of those charged with wrong doing. Of this number 189 were between the ages of 16 and 25 and 225 under 40.

Review of Russia and the Great War

BY WM. PHILIP SIMMS
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Note—Mr. Simms spent most of the year in Russia. This review, written after his return to Paris, is based upon his study of conditions while in Russia and upon information from his Russian news sources subsequent to his departure.

Paris, Jan. 2 (By Mail)—Whatever Russia may do in the future, 1916 will be set down as one of the greatest years in her history. No period in all her national development has been more significant, not even the 'sixties which marked the liberation of the Serfs.

During 1916 the Russian people, the common people, seem to have found themselves and their place in the empire. Their position may not as yet be very clearly defined but the future, Russian students believe, will look after that.

Russia, in the last year, has accomplished much. She recovered from the blow Germany dealt her in East Prussia, Poland and Galicia. She completed building a brand new army in the field. She called to the colors another army, twice as big, which she holds in readiness for any emergency which the war may cause.

She sent troops to France and to Salonika, via Siberia and Vladivostok and another army she sent to help Rumania when that country joined up with the Allies.

In the meantime she resumed the offensive in Galicia and completely disrupted the Austrian armies there, taking well over half million prisoners. And in Asia Minor she waged a powerful campaign against the Turks beyond the Caucasus.

These are tremendous accomplishments when one remembers what Russia was up against in 1915, when she had, during her great retreat, but one shell a day, per battery, to fire against the advancing Germans.

The minister of war judged responsible for the bulk of the army's misfortunes, M. Soukoomlinoff, was arrested in the spring of 1915 and placed in the Peter and Paul prison on an island in the Neva.

This was the test year of "No Vodka." The imperial decree abolishing vodka came, it is true, in the fall of 1914, but 1915 was not a true trial. Russia, that year, was getting over her jag, so to speak, and it was only in 1916 that a steady, sober Russia got a chance to show what she could do.

Savings bank accounts went up by leaps and bounds. Peasants, constituting 80 per cent of the country's population of 170,000,000, were never so well off in their lives. They were better fed, better clothed, put in on an average double the number of working hours a day, and sickness was reduced to an incredible degree. One hospital the correspondent knows of had 1,500 beds. Prior to 1915 it was overflowing all the time having some 2,000 patients to care for as best it could. Now 1,000 beds have been sent to a military hospital because there are never more than 1400 patients to care for.

This year saw the formation of a

Central Committee to co-ordinate the work of all-Russian Zemstvo Union and the All-Russian Municipality Union, two organizations composed of Russian plain people banded together to help the empire run the war.

Through this committee every man woman and child was brought more or less directly into touch with the war and perhaps it has done more to make the war a "popular" war than any other movement. The Zemstvo Union, above all, is a people's concern and the Zemstvos have instructed the peasants and common people generally throughout Russia as to what the war means to them and the importance of carrying it on to a successful finish.

Each state in the United States is divided into counties. If each county had a board composed partly of farmers, partly of village merchants or other property-holders there and partly of landowners, this board would correspond to the Russian Zemstvo board which is charged with roadbuilding, schools and hospitals of its district. It is easy to see the influence of a Zemstvo board on the rural population.

The Municipality Union is doing in the cities what the Union of all the Zemstvos is doing in the country. These two peoples' associations during 1916 have made millions of garments for soldiers, enlisting the services of women all over the land; fed tens of thousands of refugees from the invaded districts; equipped and operated hundreds of hospitals, furnishing the necessary supplies themselves; established tea and coffee rooms for the free distribution of these beverages; aided the government feed the soldiers at the front; furnished laborers in many instances to dig trenches, build bridges, pontoons, etc., and, in a general way, they have solidified the Russian empire by having the people work with the soldiers for the common cause.

This work was begun early in the war. In 1916 it made such headway that no one can dispute its magnitude today nor its probable influence on the Russia of the future.

Similar to the zemstvo and Municipality Unions in that it is an organization growing out of public spirit, is the committee which during 1916 mobilized the small industries of Russia to help the army with munitions. There are several large munitions factories in Russia which deal direct with the war department, but there hundreds of foundries, machine shops, mills and works of all sorts too small to do business of this sort alone. The committee grouped all these, put specialists in charge of district groups, and had them all orders for the government. The little industries were thus grouped into a big industry by a committee of patriotic men who receive no pay for their services though, of course, the little shops are paid for whatever they supply the army.

Russia's own output of munitions more than quadrupled during 1916 through these and other expedients. The little concerns could not make great siege guns, of course, but they could and do make trench mortars, hand grenades, caissons, cannon wheels, hatchets, spades, the smaller shells and what not.

Furthermore they have built tanneries for taking care of enormous quantities of Russian hides; built or enlarged factories for making the necessary tanning chemicals; built new boot and shoe factories and enlarged old ones to make footwear for the troops; established enormous repairing plants to redeem leaky and worn army boots. They employ scores of thousands of poor people, mostly women, thus giving material aid in time of need. Schools for mechanics, chauffeurs and other specialists are maintained to supply the army with experts and automobile re-

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Every indication points to a phenomenal success. We have the goods. The prices are honestly reduced. We have the reputation that gives force to such sales. It won't be our fault if you don't come and get your share of the Removal Sale bargains. It's a sale back of which is necessity and determination to clear stocks and this invisible force has sent prices downward to the point where savings are irresistible.

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Throngs of men have responded to this greatest of all clearance sale and our huge stocks are rapidly diminishing. It is but good business judgement to figure your needs for many months to come and buy now. The story of true economy made possible by our Removal Sale is accurately told in the following offerings.

All Men's Suits

At Substantial Reductions

\$25.00 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	\$18.75
\$22.50 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	16.75
\$20.00 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	14.75
\$18.00 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	13.75
\$15.00 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	10.75
\$12.50 Men Suits	Reduced to.....	9.75

Mackinaws and Sheep Coats

\$9.00 Coats at.....	\$7.45
\$8.50 Coats at.....	\$6.95
\$8.00 Coats at.....	\$6.45
\$7.50 Coats at.....	\$5.95
\$7.00 Coats at.....	\$5.45
\$6.00 Coats at.....	\$4.75

Sheep Lined Coats

\$10 Coats, 38 in. long	\$7.45
\$8 Coats, 36 in. long	\$5.9

All Men's Overcoats

Radically Reduced

\$30.00 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	\$21.75
\$25.00 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	18.75
\$22.50 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	16.75
\$20.00 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	14.75
\$18.00 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	13.75
\$15.00 Overcoats	Reduced to.....	10.75

Blues and Blacks Not Included

Bye & Peterson

pair shops are operated by the committee all along the front.

On the sea 1916 failed to bring to Russia any great victories. But also it brought no defeats. Beyond one mysterious fight in a fog in the Baltic during which two German ships of medium tonnage and several destroyers were reported sunk; a dash into the Gulf of Finland against coast towns there costing the Germans another three or four odd destroyers; naval aid to the Russian armies at Riga and at Trebizond in Asia Minor, not much more is known of Russia's maritime activities.

Diplomatically two important events were registered during the year just closed. Both directly effect the United States. One was the conclusion of a treaty between Russia and Japan binding these two countries together on all questions concerning the Far East, the second was Russia's refusal to conclude a commercial treaty with the United States replacing the one abrogated during President Taft's administration. Her refusal was not official but refusal it was nevertheless, her excuse being the undesirability of entering into commercial agreements with neutral nations until after the war or at least until the Allies trade agreement can be more definitely defined.

On the other hand a project was broached for direct telegraphic communication between Russia and the United States, either by cable or wireless. Also permission has been given for the establishment of an American bank in Petrograd.

A decree prohibiting the importation of luxuries was promulgated during the year, three meatless days a week proclaimed and other economic war measures put into force.

But so far as Russia is concerned the real participation in the war by the common people was the big event. Through this participation the people are beginning to find themselves. The information of a Peasant's Party in the Duma is significant of the new trend in Russia which made itself particularly manifest during the year now closed. The subtle internal change in the empire will make 1916 remembered when victories in the field shall have been forgotten.

Solomon had a great reputation for wisdom, but then he had no youthful college graduates to compete with—Chicago News.

APPETITE SHOWS IDENTITY

Fondness for Pigs' Feet Leads to Arrest of Slayer.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Fondness for pickled pig's feet led to the arrest in Kansas City, Kan., of T. Foster, alias Joe Clarke, a negro, who, the police say, is wanted in McLeansville, Tenn., in connection with the killing of another negro there.

Clarke had just left a restaurant, where he had consumed an extra large portion of his favorite dish, when two detectives entered.

"That boy can eat more pig's feet than any one I ever saw," the proprietor said to the detectives.

ARE DUE TO UNLAWFUL ACTS

Prober's View of Cause of Some High Prices.

New York, Dec. 29.—"There is evidence that some of the peak high prices in various parts of the country are due to unlawful acts."

A conference here of federal district attorneys from Maine to West Virginia was so told by G. W. Anderson, special assistant attorney general, in charge of the investigation of the high cost of living.

Mr. Anderson said "business men who hold or detain cars unnecessarily and unfairly are under just suspicion."

Poor Service.
"Somehow I can never think of a bright thing to say until the occasion has gone by."

"Same here! My trains of thought are always late too."—Toronto Telegram.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.—National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

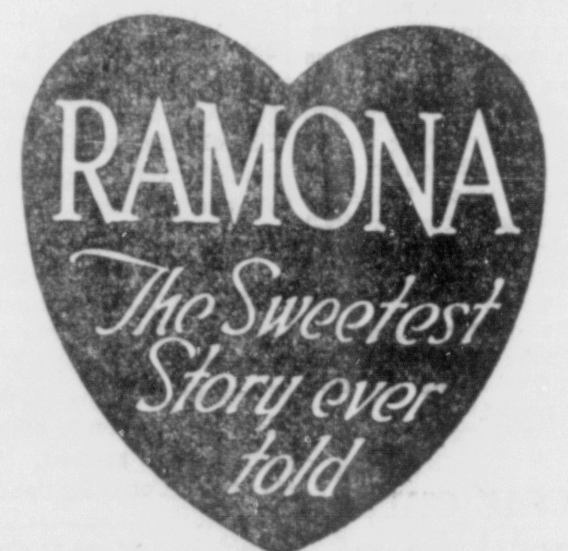
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Adv.

BEST THEATRE

TODAY	Dorothy Gish in "OLD HEIDELBERG"	Matinee 3:00 Eve. 7:30 & 9
TOMORROW	Edna Mayo in "THE CHAPERONE"	Matinee 3:00 Eve. 7:30 & 9

EMPRESS THEATRE

TODAY	"WHO'S GUILTY"
TOMORROW	Bluebird Photoplays Present Mary McLaren in "SAVING THE FAMILY NAME"



Will Be Shown Here Soon

THE DISPATCH

The Place to Do Your Advertising

FRIENDS GATHER THERE NEW YEAR'S

Open House at the Chamber of Commerce Attended by Many Members, Ladies and Friends

THE ROOMS NICELY DECORATED

Program Given From 3 to 5 P. M. Frappe Served, House Decorations by Florist Mehlin

Open house at the Chamber of Commerce New Year's day from 3 to 5 P. M. brought many members, their ladies and friends and all were pleased with the entertainment provided and this custom of New Year's observance will be made an annual affair hereafter, for it evidenced much good fellowship and fraternal feeling and its informality was especially pleasing.

In musical numbers were heard Edwin Harris Bergh and three of his violin pupils, Edwin Lee, Miss Alice Johnstone and Miss Helen Frost, with Mrs. W. A. M. Johnstone playing the piano accompaniment. Several MacDowell numbers were given and applause was frequent.

George Coult gave several piano selections, old fashioned songs were sung and some indulged in dancing. Frappe and wafers were served at tables half hidden in bowers of ferns, Miss Corna Stickney and Miss Mae Belle Greweox presiding.

The floral decorations were strikingly beautiful, the contribution of S. N. Mehlin, from his greenhouses corner Sixth and Main Sts. Potted plants and ferns decked the rooms, the fire places and cut flowers were about the piano. A large vase of flowers was at the serving table.

Mistletoe was draped from the center of the arches and some one drew a ring, a charmed circle under the same, and several pretty girls were promptly kissed when they stepped within the boundary.

McNAIR ACCEPTED

Chamber of Commerce Endorsed Popular Cloguet Man Reappointed on Commission

The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of the acknowledgment by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist of the resolutions sent which endorsed C. I. McNair of Cloguet, for re-appointment to the State Highway Commission.

The governor had already appointed Mr. McNair and had received assurances that Mr. McNair would accept.

HORSE STOLEN

Joy Riders Believed to Have Taken Horse and Buggy From the Church Door

While Conrad E. Witte, of 1115 Northeast Fourth Ave., attended church, some one stole his brown horse and buggy.

Search was made after services and the animal was found next day up in Northeast Brainerd at the old mill site, lying down in the shafts and entirely exhausted. Joy riders are believed to have taken the animal.

ANNUAL MEETING

Svea Society Will Elect Officers January 3—Refreshments to be Served

The Svea society will hold their annual meeting next Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of the Swedish Lutheran church.

There will be election of officers and other important business. All members are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.

Court Mississippi Elects

The following officers for 1917 for Court Mississippi, No. 55, U. O. F., were elected at their meeting Thursday, Dec. 26th:

P. R.—C. H. Harvey.
C. R.—Lewis Lee.
V. R.—Fred McNaughton.
Secretary—J. Severson.
Treasurer—Josephine Lee.
Chaplain—Augusta Severson.
C. A.—Edwin Lee.
I. W.—A. P. Nelson.
O. W.—K. J. Erickson.

The installation of officers will be held at Trades & Labor hall Thursday, Jan. 23rd, at 8 P. M.

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsam heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist, 50c—Adv.

DOCTORS MEET IN CITY TODAY

Doctors of the Upper Mississippi Medical society met in convention in Brainerd this afternoon, the sessions being held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty members of the society are expected. Papers on important topics will be read by local and visiting physicians.

At this business meeting the annual election of officers will be held and other matters attended to.

In the evening a banquet will be given at the Ideal hotel.

CRUST HEADS COUNTY BOARD

At the county commissioners meeting Edward Crust was elected president of the board, succeeding J. A. Erickson, who has been president for many years. Mr. Erickson was elected vice president. The two new members, Wm. A. Syreen of Klondike and Frank Walker of Platte Lake, took their seats.

NOMINATIONS MADE

Complete List Has Now Been Filed at the Chamber of Commerce

A meeting of the advisory board of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Monday, January 8, and the regular election follows on Wednesday evening, January 10. In addition to the nomination of Henry I. Cohen for president, there has been filed the nomination of F. A. Farrar for treasurer.

Miss Laura Benson has returned from Minneapolis where she visited her sister, Mrs. Van Auken, during the holidays.

Nominations have also been filed as follows:

Vice President—Dr. J. A. Thabes.
Committee of Committees—S. R. Adair, Rev. G. P. Sheridan, George D. LaBar, G. P. O'Brien, Edward Crust and O. A. Peterson.

TO LECTURE HERE

Clarence Gilbert Hoag to Speak at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Feb. 15

Clarence Gilbert Hoag will lecture on "Proportional Representation" at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, February 15. He is a prominent member of the American Proportional Representation League.

His lectures go hand in hand with the commission form of government ideas and the city manager plan, the latter doing away with the ward idea in city politics. It will be the first big lecture of the season at the Chamber of Commerce and professional men, business men, members and citizens in general are invited to attend. Mr. Hoag is from the east and is making a tour of the west.

At the Empress

The Smalleys, who have contributed so much to the success of Bluebird Photoplays, will present another of their productions at the Empress theatre on Wednesday under the title of "Saving the Family Name." Mary MacLaren, pleasantly and sympathetically recalled as the heroine of "Shoes," will be the star and Phillips Smalley will be her leading man in an interesting story of theatrical life, in which the stage, as a topic, is pictorially discussed from an entirely new angle. "Saving the Family Name" will be the Smalleys' sixth contribution to the Bluebird series, their previous works being "Hop, the Devil's Brew," in which both Mr. and Mrs. Smalley acted; "The Eye of God," in which Miss Weber was Tyrone Power's leading lady; "The Flirt," with Marie Walcamp the star; "John Needham's Double," featuring Tyrone Power, and the most recent Smalley success "Shoes." In which Mary MacLaren was advanced from her previous position of obscurity in "maid parts" to stardom at one brand. It is easy to recall the pleasure these attractions have given to devotees of Bluebird and the announcement that the Smalleys produced "Saving the Family Name" is advanced assurance of a worthy and purposeful screen entertainment.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors of Brainerd and Cass Lake for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our bereavement when husband and father was called to his reward. We are also grateful for the floral tributes of love.

Mrs. Charles Hauer, Sr.
And Family.

DISPATCH WANT ADS PAY

FARMERS TO MEET IN CITY

Annual Business Meeting of Crow Wing County Federation of Farmers Clubs to be Held

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Election of Officers, Discussion of Plans, to Take Place at Office of E. A. Colquhoun

The annual business meeting of the Crow Wing County Federation of Farmers Clubs will be held at the office of the county agricultural agent, E. A. Colquhoun, Wednesday, January 10, at 1 P. M. sharp.

There will be the election of officers, discussion of plans, and such other business as may come up for consideration.

"All club members and others interested are urged to be present," writes E. E. Taylor, secretary.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

"Fair and Warmer" to Come January 13—Farce Which Draws Good

(By Ashton Stevens)

Avery Hopwood, thin, sandy, young perspiring, said he wasn't given to speechmaking, but surely an audience that could laugh at a piece entitled "Fair and Warmer" on a night as hot as Saturday was at least entitled to the author's thanks.

And by the same token I take it that a farce than can draw nothing but laughter when the weather spells nothing but blood and tears is entitled to run at the Cort theatre till the Chicago River freezes over, and the mode reclaims the winter, all-wool double-breasted overcoat of the would-be villain in the piece. Not to mention fashion's reclamation of the bearskin rug, under which slumbers an innocent but tipsy wife not far from the side of a ditto husband not her own.

But you that have yet to see judge not by this hint of juxtaposition. There is nothing physically close in "Fair and Warmer," the contact is ever verbal. Your tenderest daughter, provided she be deaf, may be taken in the nearest row.

ARMOR PLATE PLANT

Committee of Chamber of Commerce to Meet Thursday, Jan. 4, with Congressman Knutson

On Thursday evening, January 4, the special committee of the Chamber of Commerce on gaining the armor plate plant for Brainerd will meet at the Chamber with Congressman Harold Knutson, of St. Cloud, and go over data collected by Secretary Fred T. Lincoln and committee members. A brief is to be formulated to be presented to the proper board of the navy department.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds. Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists, 25c.

ARE LIVING IN RIGHT AGE

Governor Sends Message to South Dakota Legislature.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 2.—In the course of his message to the state legislature Governor Peter Norbeck said: "The people of this state have much to be thankful for. We live in an era of wonderful development. The natural resources of this state exceed that of any in the Union, as evidenced by the highest per capita increase in wealth for many years. Our people are prosperous, as is shown by the unusually heavy deposits in our state and national banks. We are fortunate in two respects, first, in that we are living in the right age; second, because we are living in the right place, for this is not only a land of opportunity, but it is the home of honest, intelligent, progressive, hard working, God fearing people—in fact, a citizenship that will compare favorably with the people of any state of any country at any time."

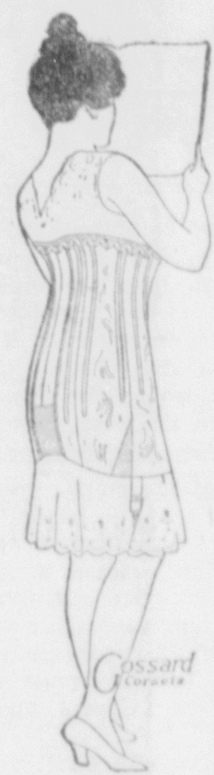
WILSON TURNS ANKLE
PLAYING GOLF.
Washington, Jan. 1.—President Wilson fell on a slippery hillside while playing golf and was able to continue the game, but walked with a decided limp.

Gossard Corsets at the Old Prices Until January 15

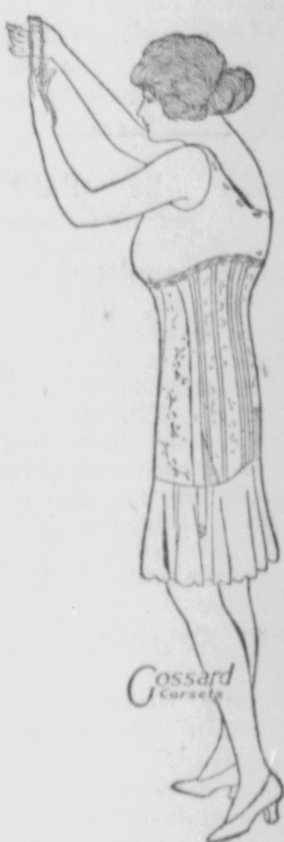
Even though practically all merchandise has been increased in price the past year, Gossard Corsets have remained the same to you. It is only the determination of the H. W. Gossard Co., to maintain the quality of the Gossard Corsets which forces them and us to make some slight increases in their prices beginning January 15th.

We are going to let our customers share in the old prices. Purchase your corsets now before January 15th, and you may have your new Gossard at the old price.

Below we quote the "new prices" and the "now prices." Gossard style—Gossard quality—Gossard workmanship—Gossard comfort and front lacing are in each model and the savings are large enough to warrant your buying more than one corset at the time.



Gossard Corsets now \$2.00	New price.....	\$2.50
Gossard Corsets now \$2.50	New price.....	\$3.00
Gossard Corsets now \$3.50	New price.....	\$4.25
Gossard Corsets now \$4.00	New price.....	\$5.00
Gossard Corsets now \$5.00	New price.....	\$6.50
Gossard Corsets now \$6.50	New price.....	\$8.50
Gossard Corsets now \$8.50	New price.....	\$10.00



Naturally our store will be a busy place with our coat, suit and millinery sales but you will be given the same careful fitting service during this saving sale as you have always received here. Early buyers naturally have the best selection—most complete stocks to select from—so we urge you to come in soon.

**Wear Gossard Corsets
They Lace in Front**

H. F. MICHAEL CO.

BUSHWHACKERS BUSY AT NIGHT

Invade the Home of William Hildebrandt and are Ejected From House and the Barn

ASSAULT JOE GIRARD, NEIGHBOR

After Eating at His Home and Paying for Lunch, Three Men Assault Girard Sunday

Frequenters of wholesale houses south of Brainerd, three in number, much the worse for liquor imbibed, invaded the home of Wm. Hildebrandt, in South Long Lake township Sunday night and demanded lodging and food. They raised a disturbance and were ejected from the house and later from the barn in which they had started to smoke.

At the home of Joe Girard three men entered and demanded food and Girard charged them a dollar. As they were leaving the place they sprang upon Girard and choked him. His wife and the hired men came to his assistance and the bushwhackers fled.

Foe Refused, Berlin Says.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The text of the entente note replying to the peace offer of the central powers," the semi-official Overseas News agency says, "reached Berlin as transmitted from Paris by the Havas News agency. The general impression here is—if this version is correct—that the entente answer to the sincere German offer, while verbose, nevertheless is a flat refusal to end the war. This is especially regretted for the sake of the neutral countries suffering all the consequences of war."

Plan Fight to Finish.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—Plans for carrying their respective fights to a finish were considered here by both employers and union leaders involved in the shipbuilding strike. The strike was called as the result of the employers rejecting the demands for the closed shop principle.

Car Shortage Cripples Industry.
Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—The iron and steel industry in the Pittsburg region is suffering from a lack of coke due to car shortage. More than thirty blast furnaces have been banked, reducing the pig iron production by nearly 20 per cent of the rate of production in the last two months.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE IN 1917

The Dispatch will publish from time to time the list of personal property taxpayers of Crow Wing county and of the city of Brainerd. The compilation of the list takes some time, as it affords every taxpayer the opportunity to see what his friend or his next door neighbor is paying.

BAY LAKE	
Archibald, D.	5.48
Carlson, Chas. O.	10.14
Chord, Daniel	5.15
Christenson, Abel	10.33
Christenson, C. G.	12.09
Christenson, O. A.	3.68
Coleman, Chas.	8.51
Elmore, Ed	11.59
Flint, W. H.	11.48
Fuller, P. E.	3.13
Fuller, H. M.	55
Fuller, W. A.	2.69
Goettie, Christ	7.00
Gray, A. N.	7.32
Green, J. D.	.28
Grass, Edmund F.	3.47
Hall, L. P.	18.94
Hammett, Mrs. Nellie	8.46
Hammett, Oscar	7.56
Horr, E. L.	6.82
Hunt, Wilbur	1.61
Jale, Philip	1.51
Johnson, Gilbert	6.98
Kinder, Anna B.	.75
Knapp, George	14.33
Kneff, Hugo	5.12
Maghan, R. J.	18.86
Miller, A. A.	10.60
Nelson, John T.	3.88
Nelson, Tom	7.65
Nordin, John	2.24
Peterson, Abraham	3.60
Peterson, Alfred	6.14
Peterson, J. C.	13.88
Peterson, John	1.64
Ruttger, M. J.	26.77
Ruttger, Joseph	11.60
Seavey, Martin	3.48
Sebring, H. O.	8.80
Sepp, Martin	19.42
Stafford, Andrew	4.03
Stinson, Albert	.25
Waffensmith, J. J.	5.14
Waffensmith, Walter	6.99
Workman, H. E.	5.73
Wulf, Fred	12.99

DANCE ENDS IN A BIG FIGHT

Little Falls, Minn., Jan. 2.—Four policemen were beat up in a row that followed a dance on the West side. Somebody said something about somebody elses girl and the trouble started.

The orchestra had just played "Home, Sweet Home," which did not appear to check the combatants. Policeman Jim Larson had his head hurt by contact with a flying slab. Two other policemen were injured.

Four arrests were made. It all took place on New Year's night, the time when many good resolutions are started out.

CONFESSES CRIME CAREER

Youth Surrenders to Los Angeles Police, Admitting Many Offenses.
Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—An alleged confession implicating himself in a series of crimes reaching from Chicago to the Pacific coast, among them the robbery of the Chicago and Northwestern agent at Ravenswood, a suburb of Chicago, on Nov. 24, was made here, according to the police, by Kenyon G. Peterson, twenty-one years old, who walked into the police station and asked to be taken into custody.

Four Perish in Fire.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 29.—James Chaters and his three children, each under three years old, were burned to death and Mrs. Chaters is in a serious condition from injuries as the result of a fire that destroyed their home at Chase, forty miles from here.

Bullfighters Afraid of Cows.

Most Spanish bullfighters object to fighting cows. The average torador is sincerely afraid of a cow. And he has good reason. The cows of the half wild breed used for the arena are much quicker in their movements than are the bulls. Their horns are more pointed and more formidable. They do not lower their heads to the ground, shut their eyes and charge like a loco motive upon the rails, but are alert and ready to follow every movement of their persecutors.—Exchange.

"There are two authors whom every chirologist ought to have in his library."

"Who are they?"

"Footie and Bunyan, of course."

SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

Every man and woman, sick or well, should drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, to wash from the liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible material, the poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Limestone phosphate does not restrict the diet like calomel, because it can not salivate, for it is harmless and you can eat anything afterwards. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, and any pharmacist will sell you a quarter pound which is sufficient for a domestic phosphate cleans, stimulates and freshens the liver, keeping you feeling fit day in and day out.

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Broadway & Laurel, Brainerd

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SPORT DOPE

"Right off The Bat"

By "Spay"

KARHUNSAARI MAY MEET FRANCIS

It is reported that Henry Karhunsaaari of Brainerd, Finnish champion, and Al Francis, Canadian champion, will probably meet in St. Paul in a finish bout during the Outdoor Sports Carnival January 27 to February 3.

Brainerd is ready to back Karhunsaaari who has been in 45 bouts and has never been defeated and who won a draw from Francis in a recent bout with him in Brainerd.

MILLIONS ARE PAID OUT

Workings of Pennsylvania Compensation Act Affect Thousands.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—A summary of the results of the workmen's compensation act during the first year of the operation of the system in Pennsylvania, which ended Dec. 31, shows that 54,500 agreements have been approved carrying \$4,224,875.

During the year \$147,281 was paid to dependents of persons killed, who have \$2,817,974 still to be paid to them under the terms of the act.

BADGER SOLDIERS RETURN

First Infantry Regiment Is at Fort Sheridan to Muster Out.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The First Wisconsin infantry detached at Fort Sheridan and went into quarters preparatory to being mustered out. The regiment, which is reported in excellent physical condition, has been in camp at San Antonio, Tex., for six months.

Prejudice.

Prejudice is knowing it isn't so when you don't know anything about it. Prejudice is something you are sure you haven't a bit of yourself, but you are sure everybody else has a lot of. Prejudice is the mother of laziness, the ally of ignorance and superstition and the world's greatest bar to progress.—Osteopathic Magazine.

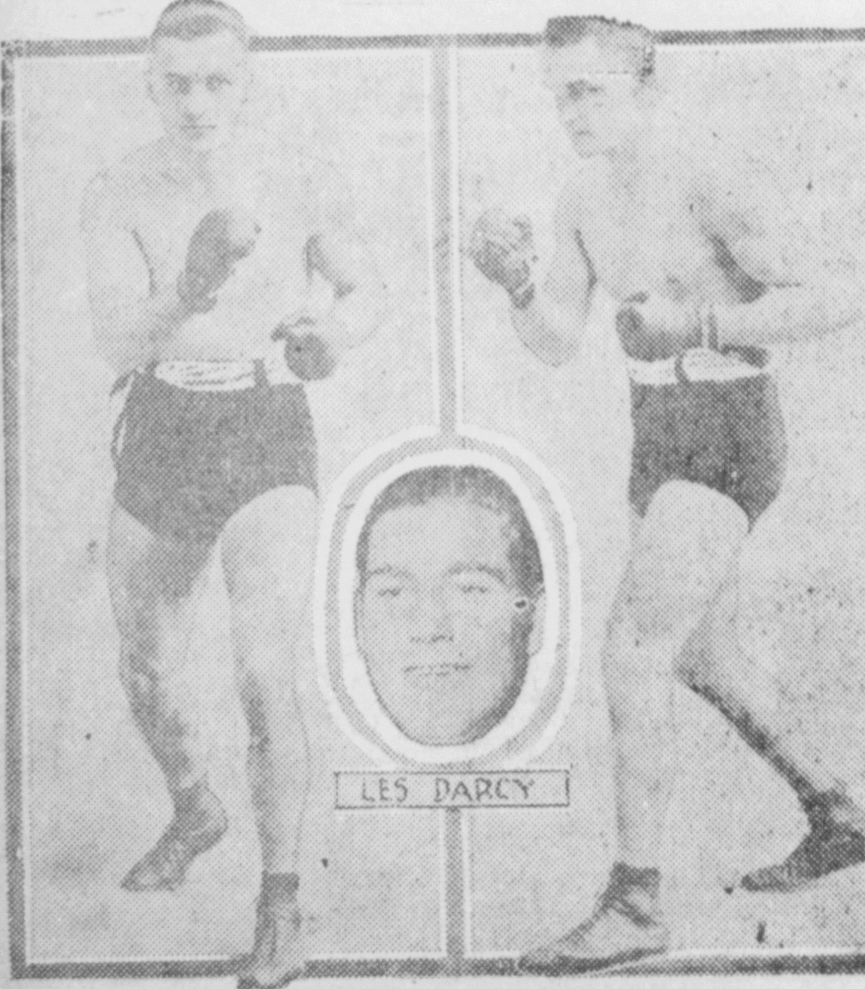
KILLS MOTHER ACCIDENTALLY

Northfield (Minn.) Boy Did Not Know Revolver Was Loaded.

Northfield, Minn., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Laura Edgar is dead; her son Herbert, sixteen years old, is critically ill suffering from a nervous collapse, and two other children are prostrated here, all because Herbert didn't know a revolver was loaded.

While Mrs. Edgar was preparing dinner, Herbert was in an adjoining room playing with a .32-caliber revolver. Mrs. Edgar was shot through the head.

New Jersey Boy Who Knocked Out Les Darcy



LES DARCY

JEFF SMITH

Les Darcy, the Australian middle-weight champion, over whom much ado has been kicked up in pugilistic circles since he arrived in the United States, has shown no inclination to box Jeff Smith, the Bayonne, N. J., middleweight. Smith beat him in five rounds in Sydney, Australia, Jan. 23, 1915. Darcy claimed a foul and gave the fight to Smith. May 23, of the same year, Darcy won from Smith in a foul in two rounds at Sydney.

ALLIES REJECT PEACE PROPOSAL

Entente Declares Germany Must State Terms.

OFFICIAL TEXT OF ANSWER

Ten Foes Spurn Offer of Teutons as Insincere and Characterize Same as War Maneuver in Their Answer to the Central Powers.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Ten entente governments, replying in one note to German offers of peace, declare their refusal to consider Germany's "insincere and ineffective proposition for a conference."

Demands for reparation, as stated in speeches by premiers of the allied nations, are reiterated in the note. Belgium, especially, seeks safeguards for the future. The suggested conference, without conditions, is not a peace offer, the entente holds, but is a war maneuver designed for its effect on home and neutral opinion. The text of the note follows:

"The allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defense of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pretended propositions of peace which were addressed to them on behalf of the enemy governments through the intermediary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland. Before making any reply the allied powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pretend to throw upon the allies responsibility for the war and proclaim the victory of the central powers.

Are Suspicious of Germany.

"The allied governments cannot admit an affirmation doubly insincere and which suffices to render sterile all tentative negotiations. The allied nations have sustained for thirty months a war they did everything to avoid. They have shown by their acts their attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong today as it was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the violation of its engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based.

"A mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the imperial government of a sham proposal lacking all substance and precision would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver. It is founded on calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future.

"As for the past, the German note takes no account of the facts, dates and figures which establish that the war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Calls Austria Aggressor.

"At The Hague conference it was a German delegate who refused all proposals for disarmament. In July, 1914, it was Austria-Hungary who, after having addressed to Serbia an unprecedented ultimatum, declared war upon her in spite of the satisfaction which had at once been accorded.

"The central empires then rejected all attempts made by the entente to bring about a pacific solution of a purely local conflict. Great Britain suggested a conference; France proposed an international commission; Russia asked the German emperor to go to arbitration and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. But to all of these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor effect.

"Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper,' and that 'necessity knows no law.'

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the 'war map' of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of the belligerents. A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

Reparation Is Demanded.

"As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her allies against both belligerents and neutrals demand penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these.

"In reality these overtures made by the central powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The object of the overtures is to create division in public opinion in the allied countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the allies, already given its answer with admirable firmness and

NOAH SHEPARD.

Friends Urge Him for Porto Rico Treasurership.



Photo by American Press Association.

Endorsed by both the Unionist and Republican parties of Porto Rico, friends at San Juan are endeavoring to bring about the appointment of Noah Shepard, formerly of Brooklyn, as treasurer of Porto Rico. Action by President Wilson on the appointment is expected in the near future.

has denounced the empty pretense of the declaration of the enemy powers.

"They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and in the countries allied to her—one and all severely tried by their losses, worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants.

"They endeavor to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries, whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defense of human freedom.

Allege New Series of Crimes.

"Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor, forced enlistments of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality.

"Fully conscious of the gravity of this moment, but equally conscious of its requirements, the allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their people, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere.

"Once again the allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states; so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all, forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future of the world.

"In conclusion the allied powers think it necessary to put forward the following considerations, which show the special situation of Belgium after two and a half years of war.

"In virtue of the international treaties signed by five great European powers, of whom Germany was one, Belgium enjoyed before the war a special status, rendering her territory inviolable and placing her, under the guarantee of the powers, outside all European conflicts. She was, however, in spite of these treaties, the first to suffer the aggression of Germany.

Belgium Is Referred To.

"For this reason, the Belgium government thinks it necessary to define the aims which Belgium has never ceased to pursue while fighting side by side with the entente powers for right and justice.

"Belgium has always scrupulously fulfilled the duties which her neutrality imposed upon her. She has taken up arms to defend her independence and her neutrality violated by Germany and to show that she remains faithful to her international obligations.

"On the fourth of August, 1914, in the reichstag, the German chancellor admitted that this aggression constituted an injustice contrary to the laws of nations and pledged himself in the name of Germany to repair it. During two and a half years this injustice has been cruelly aggravated by the proceedings of the occupying forces, which have exhausted the resources of the country, ruined its industries, devastated its towns and villages and have been responsible for innumerable massacres, executions and imprisonments.

"At this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace and humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgium citizens by thousands and reducing them to slavery.

"Belgium, before the war, asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Her king and her government have but one aim—the re-establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future."

SLAVS FALL BACK; Foe Nears Braila

Teutons Rapidly Closing In on Roumanian City.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN WEST

Attempt Surprise Attack on French in Verdun Section, but Are Repulsed. Russ Give Up Positions Near the Danube.

London, Jan. 2.—Bombardments and minor patrol engagements continue to prevail on all the fronts except in Roumania, where the Teutonic allies are keeping up their inroads into the kingdom. The Russians and Roumanians steadily are being driven back from the Transylvanian Alps and Lower Moldavian region.

Around Braila, on both sides of the Danube, the invaders have further driven in the defenders of the territory.

Near Fokshany and thence south-east to the Danube, Petrograd reports, the Russians and Roumanians have taken up new positions without pressure from the Teutonic allies.

ENGLISH HASTEN TO ENLIST

London Recruiting Offices Are Crowded Daily.

London, Jan. 2.—New Year's day was eventful in the lives of many British. Thousands of men of military age, who had made arrangements for the carrying on of their business, were called to the colors, while others, who had been doing work of national import and whose places have now been taken by women or by men over the military age, donned khaki for the first time. There was a rush at all the recruiting offices.

Canadians Renew Pledge.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—New Year's greetings in the form of messages expressing the continued determination of the Canadian people to aid effectively in the war until the aims of the entente allies have been realized, were dispatched by the government to all the allies except those whose new year comes later.

TOWN NAME STARTS RIOT

Trouble in Ontario City After Victory of "Berlin" Faction.

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 2.—After a sweeping victory at the polls of the Citizens' league, formed when the name of the city was changed from Berlin to Kitchener with a view to reverting to the original name, a riot was started by the men on the One Hundred and Eighteenth battalion who are on furlough. The city is under martial law.

When it became known that the Citizens' league not only had elected Alderman David Gross as mayor, but and carried the entire slate, the soldiers of the One Hundred and Eighteenth battalion paraded through the streets.

Some one attempted to tear away a Union Jack which one of the soldiers was carrying, and the riot started.

The soldiers raided a newspaper office and two members of the newly elected council were injured.

WOMEN GO TO CAMP APRIL 16

Second Annual School for "Soldiers" to Open at Chevy Chase.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The second annual encampment of the national service school, similar to that held here last summer to give women military training, will open at Chevy Chase, a suburb, April 16, and continue about six weeks under the direction of the women's section of the Navy league, it was announced here.

Two courses of twenty days each, and possibly a third especially for school girls and teachers, will be arranged, with military drill, Red Cross, wireless and signal practice in each.

Fifteen hundred applications for enrollment are said to have been received already.

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T. P. O'CONNOR.

Noted Irishman Becomes Film Censor for Britain.



Photo by American Press Association.

"Tay Pay" O'Connor, as the noted journalist is familiarly known, has a new job. He has been appointed to the movie—or, as they say in England, cinema—censorship board.

BRITISH CASUALTIES 19,247

List Covering Month Shows 12,685 of Total Were Killed.

London, Jan. 1.—The monthly casualty list issued by the British war office stated that 450 officers and 12,235 men were killed, 624 officers and 2,546 men wounded and 3,392 missing.

Three Killed at Grade Crossing.

Elyria, O., Jan. 1.—Two young women and a man were killed and another fatally injured when the automobile in which they were returning from a New Year's dance was struck by a New York Central freight train at a grade crossing in this city. The dead are: Mrs. Minnie Brightville, her sister, Miss Florence Shiede, and Lindley Howard, all of Elyria.

London Editor a Suicide.

London, Dec. 30.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Reginald John Smith, head of a London publishing house and editor of the Cornhill Magazine, whose death was reported on Thursday, committed suicide, having thrown himself from a window while his nurse was out of the room. It is thought he was temporarily insane.

A Transfer.

Hub—What! More money? Didn't I give you \$10 this morning for pocket money? Wife—Yes, dear; but, you see, I got into a crush in the subway and—my pocket money became pickpocket money.—Boston Transcript

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